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1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 29, KSANDER AND THOMPSON PRESENTED THE U.S. POSITION ON SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTERSIGNER. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE POLES INFORMED US TENTATIVELY THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR OBLIGATING THE 3 MILLION ZLOTYS WE HAVE DESIGNATED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THEY WILL MATCH THIS AMOUNT IN THE JOINT FUND FOR MUTUALLY AGREED PURPOSES. THIS PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE JOINT BOARD AT ITS NEXT SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCEPTING THE FULL AMOUNT OF COUNTERSIGNER SUPPORT, THE POLES ASKED THAT (A) A STATEMENT OF COUNTERSIGNER EXPENSES BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY TO THE JOINT BOARD FOR APPROVAL IN THE SAME MANNER APPROVAL IS NOW GIVEN EACH YEAR FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT FUND TREASURER, AND (B) THIS STATEMENT EXCLUDE ALL REFERENCE TO FUTURE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR
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LOCAL EMPLOYEES' SALARIES AND DESCRIPTION OF INTERNAL TO DETAILS CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF AN AUTOMOBILE.

3. THE POLISH SIDE PROMISED TO CONFIRM IN A FEW DAYS, IN AN AGREED MINUTE, THIS PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON OUR PACKAGE. THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR DISBURSING COUNTERSIGNER FUNDS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING OF THE JOINT

BOARD SOME THREE MONTHS AWAY. FINAL APPROVAL OF THESE EXPENDITURES WILL BE GRANTED AT THE FULL SESSION OF THE JOINT BOARD AS CITED IN PARAGRAPH 2 (A). WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN THE RELEASE OF THESE FUNDS FOR THEIR INTENDED USE.

4. THE POLES SAID THEY WILL SIGN AND RELEASE SHORTLY ALL OF THE REMAINING PROJECT AGREEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE FUNDS FOR THE COUNTER-SIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. THEY WILL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DECEMBER 11 AGREEMENT THAT THESE FUNDS BY TRANSFERRED TO THE SUBSIDIARY JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

5. THE HEAD OF THE POLISH DELEGATION, KAPUSTA, USED THE OCCASION OF OUR MEETING TO EXPRESS POLISH VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS RELATED TO OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. HE SAID THE UNSIGNED PROJECT AGREEMENTS CITED IN PARA 4 INCLUDED FUNDS FOR U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL, WHILE PROJECT-RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL OF GOP OFFICIALS WAS FINANCED OUTSIDE THE JOINT FUND. HE QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR SUCH TRAVEL BY SO MANY AMERICANS AND SAID THE POLISH SIDE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE SUCH TRIPS BY NON-SCIENTISTS IN THE FUTURE. HE ALSO WAS CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE PRESSURES ON THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FROM ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-SCIENTIST) OFFICIALS IN POLAND TO HAVE THEIR TRAVEL FINANCED BY POLISH DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT FUND. HE ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS ON WHETHER SEPARATE AGREEMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL COSTS COULD BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATE US AND POLISH AGENCIES TO SATISFY GOP REGULATIONS. KAPUSTA ALSO INFORMED US THAT POLISH RATES OF PER DIEM SHOULD APPLY TO POLISH OFFICIAL TRAVELERS. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US OF THESE RATES SHORTLY. HE ALSO OFFERED TO RELIEVE THE COUNTERSIGNER OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUTHORIZING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLISH TRAVELERS TO MAKE CURRENCY CONVERSIONS OF FUNDS FOR PER DIEM AND RELATED EXPENDITURES OUTSIDE POLAND. HE WAS REFERRING TO DISBURSEMENTS CHARGEABLE AGAINST OUR ACCOUNT AT THE BANK HANDLOWY.

5. COMMENT. THE POLES WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO SEE U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL LIMITED APPRECIABLY. THEIR PREFERENCE TO HAVE SEPARATE AGREEMENTS ON SUCH TRAVEL SUGGESTS THAT THEY APPROVE OF THE FORMULATION USED IN THE RIED/EPA AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST DECEMBER. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE ARE HEADED FOR A CONFRONTATION ON THIS ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, AND WE FORESEE NO DELAYS IN THE RELEASE OF THE UNSIGNED PROJECTS, AS WAS THE CASE UNTIL MARCH 30 WITH THE COUNTERSIGNER EXPENSES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE WHICH WE COULD PASS TO KAPUSTA. WE BELIEVE KAPUSTA'S STATEMENT ON PER-DIEM RATES FOR POLISH TRAVELERS SIGNALS A POLISH INTENTION TO SEEK A REVISION OF THESE RATES AND WE WOULD WELCOME THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTERSIGNER BE RELIEVED OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FOR POLISH

TRAVELERS TO DRAW FUNDS FOR PER DIEM AND RELATED EXPENSES.
THIS OFFER WOULD NOT SAVE THE COUNTERSIGNER AN APPRECIABLE
AMOUNT OF TIME AND WOULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF STRICT ACCOUNTING
FOR PROJECT EXPENDITURES. END COMMENT.
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